

Checklist: National Disability Legislation

If you are seeking to assess the quality of the disability legislation in your country, this checklist is designed to provide you with an initial consideration of the main issues to take into account. To obtain further information, you should ask resource persons (e.g. lawyers), and check the legislation or other available sources (e.g. International Disability Rights Monitor: <http://www.ideanet.org/content.cfm?id=5F55>).

- Are there national laws for the promotion of opportunities of people with disabilities?

If yes, which: _____

When were they published? _____

Is the public aware of them?

Yes _____

No _____

Partially _____

Do these laws regard the UN Standard Rules?

Yes, because _____

No, because _____

Partially, because _____

- Has the government made any commitments to any international conventions and legislation (e.g. the UN Standard Rules, the UN Convention on Human Rights etc.)?

- Has your government signed or ratified the UN Convention for Persons with Disabilities?

If yes, date of signature/ratification: _____

- Are there any discriminatory laws (e.g. prohibiting people with disabilities to marry)?

If yes, which: _____

- Are there anti-discrimination laws?

If yes, which: _____

- Is there a ministry, department or government unit responsible for people with disabilities?

If yes, which: _____

- Is there a Member of Parliament or government representative who has a disability?

If yes, are you in contact with him/her? Yes _____

No _____

Does s/he actively promote the interests of the national disability movement?

No, because _____

Partially, because does not _____